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Troop Movements Through STENDAL

17 May 1949

1. a. Fifteen officers and eight-five EM of the tank arm arrived in STENDAL (M 53/Y 85) on 17 May 1949 on the train from BERLIN. The officers were between 23 and 25 years of age, the EM between 20 and 22. The EM, carrying baggage but no arms, marched to the Taubentzien Barracks.

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- b. small groups of soldiers were arriving in STENDAL regularly while other groups were leaving town for an unknown destination. 50X1-HUM

May 1949

2. Seven troop trains arrived in the MAGDEBURG (M 53/Y 60) RH District in May 1949.

4 June 1949

3. The kasernes of STENDAL were occupied as follows:

- a. Tauntzien Kaserne: Tank unit of 600 to 800 men.
- b. Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne: Motorized infantry unit of about 600 men.
- c. Hindenburg Kaserne: Signal unit of 500 to 600 men.
- d. General POPOV, senior officer of the STENDAL military post, was billeted in the "Mehrenweiser" Villa on Gardelegerstrasse.

25 July to 27 June 1949

4. The STENDAL kasernes were occupied as follows:

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a. Hindenburg Kaserne:

(1) Occupied by troops. About 1,000 infantry troops left the kaserne on 25 May 1949, moving by motor vehicle via TANGERMUENDE (N 53/Y 84) to the east.

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b. Fauntzzen Kaserne:

(1) Occupied by tank and self-propelled artillery units. The troops had left the kaserne on 25 May 1949 and returned during the night of 27 May 1949.

(2) Three 76.2 mm SF guns were observed at the kaserne yard, and numerous trucks in the parades on 10 June 1949.

c. Albrecht-der-Baer Kaserne: Occupation troops were not identified. Two tanks moved into the kaserne area on 23 June 1949.

14 to 26 June 1949

5. a. A north-bound convoy of 13 trucks and 2 jeeps, occupied by about 100 troops with baggage and equipment, moved through STENDAL on 26 June 1949.

17 to 28 June 1949

6. a. Six west-bound trains, each loaded with 25 to 30 "P 34" tanks, passed through STENDAL within five hours on 17 June 1949.*

b. A wood-camp near STANTS (N 52/Y 84) was occupied by troops during the first half of June 1949. The camp, which was established in 1943, had a capacity of about 3,000 troops.

c. One train with twenty "P 34" tanks and the field-kitchen truck was seen standing at the STENDAL RR station on 28 June 1949. The train had come from the Letzling Heath and was unloaded in STENDAL.

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1 July 1949

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7. A convoy of about 12 trucks with signal equipment, coming from the direction of SELHAUSEN (H 53/Y 53), passed through STENDAL on 1 July 1949 and proceeded towards TANGERMUENDE (H 53/Y 54).

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8. Comment:

a. Occupation of STENDAL: The occupation of the STENDAL kasernes remained virtually the same until late June 1949.

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most of the component units of the 207th Wtz Rifle Div were stationed in STENDAL.

b. Exchange of Personnel: Discharged servicemen were observed leaving STENDAL (par. 1, b) and recruits were observed arriving in the MAGDEBURG RR District (par 2) in May 1949.

- c. Practices:

(1) it is assumed that component units of the 207th Wtz Rifle Div were practicing at the Letzling Heath in June 1949.

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(2) From the report the following conclusions can be drawn as to practices of component units of the 207th Wtz Rifle Div in May and June 1949:

(a) Small-scale practices were held near STENDAL at the end of May 1949 (par. 4)

(b) Units with tanks passed through STENDAL (possibly units from STENDAL ?) on 17 June 1949, going west (par. 6). Some of these units were detained on the northern border of the Letzling Heath (JAEVENITZ).

(c) The troops in the wood-camp near STAATS (on the northern border of the Letzling Heath) presumably belonged to the 207th Wtz Rifle Div (par. 6).

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(d) One train, unloaded in STENDAL on 28 June 1949, had come from the Letzling Heath. This information confirms that, at battalion or regimental level, the component units of the division took turns at the training areas.

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9. Comment:

three of the trains were unloaded in JAEVENITZ (H 53/Y 54) during the night of 17 June 1949.

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